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HOMEMAKERS' CHAT

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SUBJECT: Guide Signs for 1945...Information from gardening specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture.

In planning the victory garden, the United States Department of Agriculture gardening specialists tell us it's a good idea to look back over our past experience. Maybe you planted more of some vegetable last year than your family would eat. Or maybe you didn't plant enough of something. Anyway, chances are...you learned something about your family's tastes last year that'll help you better fit your garden to them this year.

As for your neighbor's likes and dislikes,..well...here are the results from a survey of 1944 gardens made by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. This'll give you an idea of the most popular vegetables last year.

Tomatoes top the list. Nineteen out of twenty gardens in both town and country grew them. Beans, snap and wax, rated high. Also onions. Ninety percent of the farm gardens had onions, and 72 percent of the town and city ones. Along with onions, radishes and lettuce were featured highly. Then cabbage should be near the top. It grew in half the town gardens and in four out of five farm gardens. Beets, carrots, and peppers all were general favorites.

The crops that take a lot of room, like potatoes, squash, melons, cabbage, sweetpotatoes, cabbage and cucumbers were more popular in the country than town. But you can see why. Farm gardeners have more space.

While all gardeners seemed to like lima beans and green peas, the country gardeners planted more of them because there again...they had the room.

This list of the country's last year favorites may give you an idea as you work up a plan including your own special preferences.

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